LOK SABHA

Friday, November 22, 1996/Agrahayana 1, 1918 (Saka)

(The Lok Sabha met at Eleven of the Clock)

[MR. SPEAKER *in the Chair*]

[English]

(interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER : Question No. 41 - Prof. P.J. Kurien.

PROF. P.J. KURIEN (Mavelikara) : Question No. 41.

(Interruptions)

11.01 hrs.

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(Interruptions)

11.04 hrs.

At this stage, Shri B.L. Shankar and some other hon. Members came and stood on the floor near the Table.

(Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER : Please go back to your seats.

(Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER : I am not adjourning the House. It is a shame for the nation. You should be ashamed. It is a shameful thing for Parliament. If the Members of Parliament behave like this, it is a shameful thing.

(Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER : No, You cannot speak. Nothing is going on record.

*(Interruptions)**

MR. SPEAKER : The House stands adjourned to meet at 3.30 p.m.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Declining of Industrial and Export Growth Rates

*41. PROF. P.J. KURIEN :
SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA :

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether the rate of industrial and export growth has shown a decline during April-July, 1996;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) the steps taken by the Government to bring the growth rate at par with the previous rate;

(d) whether employment in the organised industrial sector has also shown a comparable decline in the current year; and

(e) if so, the remedial measures taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN) : (a) to (c). As per Index of Indusrial Production the overall industrial production in April-July, 1996-97 has recorded a growth of 9.3%. It is lower than growth rate of 12.3% recorded in the corresponding period of last year. However, the growth rate in the manufacturing sector accounting for a weight of 77.1% in the Index of Industrial Production is 11.7% which is only marginally lower than the growth of 11.9% recorded in the previous year. The declaration in industrial growth is confined to a few sectors particularly, the crude petroleum, fertilizers and power generation etc.

Sector specific strategies have been initiated to remove constraints in underperforming sectors. Adequate credit with softened interest rates assured to industries through the recently announced busy season credit policy are providing further impetus to growth.

The overall export growth in US $ terms has declined from 29.6% in April-July 1995-96 to 11.8% in April-July 1996-97. The Ministry of Commerce has identified the constraints and already initiated appropriate action.

(d) There is no evidence to suggest that employment in the organised industrial sector has shown any comparable decline in the current year.

(e) Does not arise.

Research on Rubber Plants

*42. SHRI P.C. THOMAS : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether research made by the Rubber Board has succeeded in developing high yielding rubber plants which can help further increase of productivity;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether more funds are planned to be spent on research;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the total amount spent during each of the last three years;

(e) whether the demand to implement flexible comlimenting scheme for scientists of Rubber Board and other Commodity Boards has been pending for a long time; and

(f) if so, the action taken to implement the scheme without delay?

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* Not Recorded.